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SUBJECT: WORLD ENERGY SUPPLIES CONFERENCE, LONDON,
SEPTEMBER 18-20, SPONSORED BY "FINANCIAL TIMES"

1. AS YOU KNOW FROM OUR TELECONS AND DISCUSSION WHILE YOU WERE HERE, "FINANCIAL TIMES" IS SPONSORING CONFERENCE ON "WORLD ENERGY SUPPLIES" IN LONDON FROM SEPTEMBER 18-20. CHARLES DIBONA, NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY OFFICE, IS ONE OF A DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF SPEAKERS. THE CONFERENCE IS ONE OF A SERIES SPONSORED EACH YEAR BY THE "FINANCIAL TIMES" ON MAJOR ECONOMIC TOPICS. HOWEVER, THE INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION OF THE SPEAKERS AND THE QUALITY OF THE DISCUSSION HAS LED THE "FINANCIAL TIMES" TO CHARGE HIGH PRICES FOR ADMISSION. THIS CONFERENCE IS NO EXCEPTION. THE FEE FOR EACH DELEGATE IS POUNDS 99 (ABOUT \$250).

2. GIVEN THE FACT THAT A TOP US OFFICIAL HAS BEEN INVITED TO MAKE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THIS CONFERENCE, WE HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO SUGGEST TO THE "FINANCIAL TIMES" THAT THE EMBASSY'S ENERGY ATTACHE (ROBERT E. KAUFMAN) MIGHT BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE, EITHER GRATIS OR AT A NOMINAL FEE. WE BELIEVE SUGGESTION MIGHT BE MADE BY MR. DIBONA TO CONFERENCE DIRECTOR MARC LEE: TELEPHONE - 01-836-5444; TELEX 27347.

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3. AT THIS CRITICAL POINT IN DEVELOPMENT OF CONSUMER COUNTRY ENERGY POLICIES, BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL THAT

CONFERENCE BE THOROUGHLY AND PROMPTLY COVERED BY EMBASSY.
IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, EMBASSY HAS NOT FUNDS TO COVER
PARTICIPATION BY EMBASSY ATTACHE EVEN IN SO IMPORTANT A
CONFERENCE. SOHM

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